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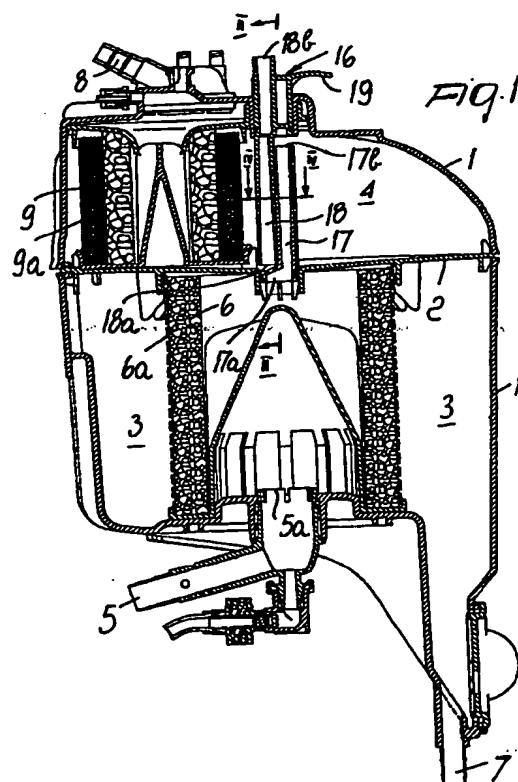
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(54) Combined device comprising a venous blood reservoir and a cardiotomy reservoir in an extracorporeal circuit

(57) A combined device having a reservoir for venous blood (3) and a reservoir for cardiotomy blood (4) is disclosed. The device is characterized in that the venous reservoir is separated from the cardiotomy reservoir by a partition (2) which includes a plurality of apertures. The apertures are in fluid communication with a plurality of ducts and passageways which are configured to provide various modes of operation depending upon whether, for the particular surgical conditions, it is desired to mix venous and cardiotomy blood, or to isolate those blood pools from each other.



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